**Meeting Coventry Fire, Anthony District** 

Wednesday June 11, 2014

Board members in attendance Louis Cote-co-chair, Peter Pankowicz, John D'Onofrio, and John Botello. Also in attendance Chief Paul Labbadia, Deputy Chief Robert Warren. Absent Jim Beckman-Chair.

Meeting called to order at 7:00P.M.

## Agenda:

- 1) Emergency evacuation procedures
- 2) Roll call. Jim Beckman absent.
- 3) Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on May 14, 2014. Louis Cote made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Peter Pankowicz. All in favor, motion carries.
- 4) Chair report: none
- 5) Chief's report: Chief Labbadia said that everything is going good. He stated that that there are two men out on OJI with minor injuries. The collections are slow but that is normal for this time of the year. The tax sale is scheduled for September 4th. John D'Onofrio asked how things were going with the plumbing issues. The Chief said that they we are just waiting to coordinate the tie in with a plumber because we need to have working bathrooms and showers for the fire fighters on duty. John D'Onofrio asked if the showers were working properly at this time and the Chief said yes. John D'Onofrio asked

about the cost and the Chief said it is still going to be around the original amount of \$3,000.00. John Botello asked why the rescue we just had refurbished was out of service. The Chief said that there is an electrical problem with the solenoid in the rear that keeps blowing out the AC unit.

- 6) Tax Office report prepared and read by Jeanne Lukowicz. Taxes collected to date \$1,390,047.33. Interest collected to date \$42,616.14. interest \$1,432,663.47. Total legal collected and taxes \$30,153.69. Total monies collected \$1,462,817.16. The tax sale date is September 4, 2014. We have collected \$59,684.47 from legal letters. The balance of back taxes owed from 2010 and prior was \$3,853.25 we have collected \$102.12 with a balance of \$3,696.53. Back taxes owed from 2011 was \$5,066.98 we have collected \$1,837.51 with a new balance of \$3,229.47. Back taxes owed from 2012 was \$51,828.68 we have collected \$37,054.62 with a new balance of \$14,774.06. Back taxes owed from 2013 was \$377,483.61 we have collected \$220,793.68 with a balance of \$156,864.63. Taxes owed for 2014 are \$2,173,665.88 we have collected \$1,130,259.10 with \$1,043,431.78 left to collect. We have collected 52% of the 2014 taxes and 66% of back taxes. Louis Cote made a motion to accept the tax office report as read, seconded by John D'Onofrio. All in favor, motion carries.
- 7) Treasures report prepared and read by Judith Hetherman. As of May 31st we have \$46,841.36 in the checking/savings account. There is \$59,520.73 in a reserve CD. As of May 31st there was a total of \$31,996.76 in outstanding bills, which have since been paid. The total deposits were \$1,552,780.92 and the total expenses were

\$1,421,886.20. The balance on the line of credit is \$259,896.44 we borrowed \$85,000.00 on the line of credit to meet payroll and outstanding pension liabilities for May. We have a positive cash flow of \$130,895.00. John D'Onofrio asked if we were going to have to take another advance on the line of credit next month. The Chief said it all depends on the collections, but we are taking in money from legal letters and settling up on the tax sale. The Chief said that collections are usually slow at this time of the year. Jeanne Lukowicz said that collections pick up after the fourth of July and the next quarter is due on July 31st. Peter Pankowicz made a motion to accept the treasures report as read, seconded by John Botello. All in favor, motion carries.

- 8) Old business: none
- 9) New business: John Botello asked the Chief what was wrong with the ladder truck. The Chief said that there is an issue with wiring on the turn table and that part needs to be replaced. John Botello asked about the cost and the Chief said that we are getting the part for free and only have to pay \$1,600.00 or \$1,700.00 for the labor to have it installed.
- 10) Louis Cote made a motion to enter into Executive session pursuant to R.I. General Laws 42-46-4 for the purpose of personnel and union grievance. Roll call vote Louis Cote-yes, Peter Pankowicz-yes, John D'Onofrio-yes, and John Botello-yes. All in favor, motion carries.
- 11) Louis Cote made a motion to adjourn from Executive session, seconded by Peter Pankowicz. All in favor, motion carries.

- 12) Public comment: none
- 13) John D'Onofrio made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive session, seconded by John Botello. Roll call vote Louis Cote-yes, Peter Pankowicz-yes, john D'Onofrio-yes, and John Botello-yes. The minutes will be sealed.
- 14) Louis Cote made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Pankowicz. All in favor, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Perry